

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

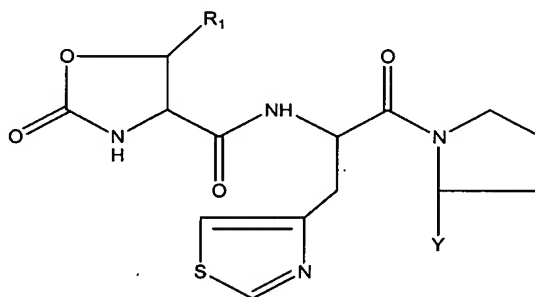
Please cancel claims 1-6 and 8-11, without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

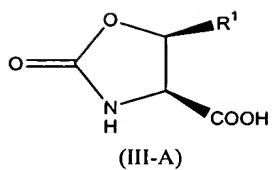
Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (amended): A method for production of a compound represented by the general formula (VI):

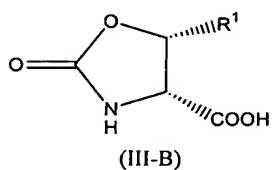


(VI)

wherein R<sup>1</sup> is an optionally substituted lower alkyl, an optionally substituted aryl, an alkynyl, or an optionally substituted heteroaryl ~~as described above~~, and Y is an optionally substituted alkyl, comprising the step of subjecting a compound represented by the general formula (III-A)



or the general formula (III-B)



~~obtained by a method according to claim 4 to a~~  
peptide bond formation.

Claims 8-11 (canceled).